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Letter dated 20 June 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation and the Permanent Representative of Argentina addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the joint statement of not being the first to place weapons of any kind in outer space signed on 28 May 2014 in Moscow

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Joint Statement of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Argentina on the no first placement of weapons of any kind in Outer Space signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergei V. Lavrov and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Argentina Hector Timerman on 28 May, 2014.

We would be grateful if this letter and the attached Joint Statement could be issued and circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(*signed*) Alexey N. **Borodavkin**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
the Russian Federation

(*signed*) Alberto Pedro **D'Alotto**
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Joint statement by the Russian Federation and the Argentine Republic on no first placement of weapons in outer space

The Russian Federation and the Argentine Republic,

Noting the significance of outer space activities as an important factor of the social, economic, scientific and technological development of States, as well as its role in maintaining national and global security,

Believe that outer space should be used in compliance with international law for the benefit of all nations, regardless of the level of their economic, scientific or technological development,

Reiterate their commitment to the principle enshrined in Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations — to refrain in international relations from the threat or use of force, including in outer space activities — and proceed from the assumption that all States will adhere to such policies,

Declare that they will not in any way be the first to place weapons of any kind in outer space and that they will make all possible efforts to prevent outer space from becoming an arena for military confrontation and to ensure security in outer space activities. The Russian Federation and the Argentine Republic call upon States with space capabilities to follow their example.

Signed in Moscow on 28 May 2014.

For the Russian Federation
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation
Sergei Lavrov

For the Argentine Republic
Minister for Foreign Affairs and
Worship of the Argentine Republic
Hector Timerman